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Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) stands front and center at a "Save Home Rule" rally Tuesday afternoon, as angry D.C. residents wave signs protesting House cuts in the city's budget. See story, p. 7.

GW alumnus Powell promotes new book, possible candidacy

BY JIM GERAGHTY
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The first black president of the United States could be a GW graduate.

Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and possible presidential candidate Gen. Colin Powell attended the Reserve Officer's Training Corps at the City College of New York in 1954. However, he attended GW's School of Government and Business Administration for his Master's of Business Administration from 1969-71. Powell received the distinguished alumni award in 1989.

Powell made an appearance in a Capitol Hill bookstore Monday on the third stop of his book tour. The media-saturated event was a return to the city where he earned his master's and worked alongside Presidents Ronald Reagan, George Bush and Bill Clinton.

More than 1,000 people turned

out to get an autographed copy of the Persian Gulf War leader's autobiography, *My American Journey*. Several GW students braved the long lines outside the Trover Shop bookstore.

David Deitz, a sophomore transfer student, arrived at the store an hour and a half early. "I think he'd make a great candidate if he runs," Deitz said. "I think he brings a

fresh perspective to American politics with his military background along with his strong moral values. I think he's a positive influence on American politics, something that isn't what we usually see."

Emily Cummins, a political science graduate student, said she thinks Powell will enter the race. "Powell is a family hero in North Carolina, where I'm from," she said, adding that a strong factor in his appeal is his emphasis on national security.

Senior Lawrence McNamara credits Powell's Republican lean-

ings as a base for his support. "(I like) the fact that he shows a lot of the Republican philosophy without being too radical or too liberal," McNamara said. "He really takes a good center line and it just really conforms to what I feel the direction America should go."

"I've heard a lot about Powell. I wanted to come down here and show my support for his candidacy, and get a book signed for my parents," he added.

Leaders of GW's political student groups are divided on what impact a Powell candidacy would have. If Powell runs as an independent, he certainly could erode support from both President Clinton and the eventual Republican nominee.

"As a Democrat, I've always admired Colin Powell," said Cary Schatz, publicity chair of the GW College Democrats. "I think he made a good Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, but he has yet to reveal any specifics about what he believes. It's hard to make an informed opinion. I find it hard to believe that he could run as

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Petition to center on room checks

Addresses legitimacy, frequency

BY ILENE CLAUSON
AND JARED SHER
HATCHET STAFF WRITERS

Kennedy Onassis Hall residents Joann Clark and Christina Weber circulated a petition this week questioning the validity of the monthly health and safety checks started this year by the Office of Residential Life.

The inspections are part of a new program designed to provide rooms with routine safety checks and to foster communication between students and resident assistants.

Under the program, RAs are to inspect each residence hall room once a month to avoid maintenance problems such as the leak that caused a ceiling to collapse in a Milton Hall room last year. The resident assistants are supposed to inform students of the times and dates of the checks, said LeNorman Strong, executive director of campus life.

Strong said he hoped students "would not rush to judgment of the

program." He added that the University remains open to compromise in order to improve the program's implementation.

"We've encouraged staffs to sit down and talk about this ... to see if we can make this thing work," Strong said, adding he is excited about students putting forth alternatives. "(The petition drive) is a great place to begin. If it helps us to achieve our goal, we all want to be reasonable."

Strong also sought to quell fears that the program was a chance for the school to increase supervision of residents in campus halls. "Police actions are not a part of our goals," he said.

Clark, however, compared the student lease to a landlord-tenant agreement. She said she appreciates the concern of the University to keep up the property with periodic inspections, but added that "no landlord checks every month."

Clark and Weber talked about this conflict after their resident assistant notified them of the first

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SA allocates \$25,000 bonus to student groups

BY JAY JAGANNATHAN
HATCHET REPORTER

The Student Association unanimously approved its fall student group finance bill Tuesday night.

The bill, a supplement to the original finance bill approved in April, allowed for additional allocations for several new student organizations and other groups that didn't receive enough funding in April, SA Vice President Jon Koa said.

In addition to the \$8,000 allocated to student groups in April, the bill appropriated a total of \$25,000 to 56 student groups. The allocations range from \$125 to \$6,000.

Graduate Sen. J.P. Blackford (SEAS) said the finance committee reviewed the groups' size and their plans for the upcoming year to determine the allocations.

"We tried to make this bill as fair as possible," said Blackford. He added that the groups who had problems with the bill could voice their concerns during the day Tuesday.

The fall bill also gives an additional \$5,000 to the Senate Finance Committee's co-sponsorship fund. The fund allows the SA to co-sponsor activities with student groups that need financial assistance.

Blackford said it is important for groups to use their funds wisely, and "not rely solely on the SA." Some funds from the co-sponsorship fund were also allocated to Black History Month (\$6,500), Gay Awareness Week (\$1,000), Greek Week (\$5,850) and Homecoming (\$5,000).

The bill also added \$3,000 to the Senate Finance Committee's \$33,000 buffer fund. The buffer fund can be given to student groups in need of money after the mid-year review.

Blackford said under the current finance bill, money allocated to a particular group would not be allowed to flow from year to year and must be spent on campus. He added that if groups violate any of the bylaws set by the SA, the money allocated to them can be withheld.

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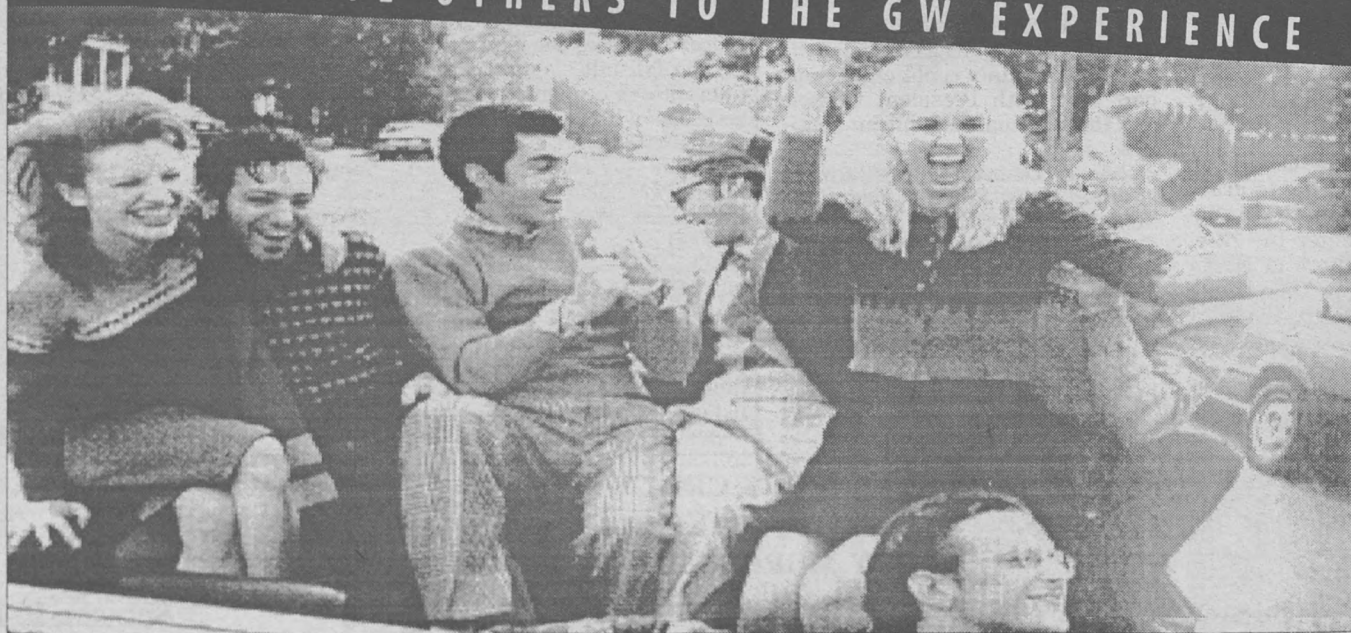
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SA appoints four new senators

Sets bold new agenda for the year

BY BECKY NEILSON
HATCHET REPORTER

The Student Association welcomed four new faces to its student senate Tuesday night, choosing two freshmen and two first-year graduate students to occupy the vacant non-voting seats.

Richard Wilkie (SBPM) and Dan Fagbuyi (SMHS) were named graduate senators, and freshmen Heather Roark and Samantha Byrd were chosen to represent the class of 1999.

Fagbuyi and Wilkie, the only applicants for the seats, were unanimously accepted by the senate. Roark and Byrd were among six freshmen selected from a pool of about 50 applicants. The senate spent 40 minutes interviewing the six candidates before making their final decision.

Both of the newly-appointed freshman senators stressed the importance of class unity. Roark, an international affairs major, said she hopes to plan activities to help connect the freshman class, with an emphasis on including those first-year students who do not live in Thurston Hall.

Byrd agreed, adding that she hopes the SA can guide students during their first few weeks at GW, helping them to establish contacts and solve problems. A political science and criminology major, Byrd said she hopes to "give back to a university that's going to give me a future."

Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak also addressed the senate at the meeting Tuesday. He praised GW's SA, calling it "one of the best student associations in the nation."

Chernak also noted the SA's "commitment ... to making government work." He cited the high level of political involvement and interest among GW students as one of

the major factors in the success of the SA. He called the SA "education in action."

Chernak also addressed the concern with the ranking the University received in a recent issue of U.S. News and World Report. Chernak cited several reasons for the University's position in the second tier. He explained GW fell short in two main categories: retention rate and alumni giving. He attributed GW's 72 percent graduation rate to the financial burden many students face, and pointed out that state schools often have a higher retention rate due to their lower tuition.

Chernak called the percentage of alumni contributors "an embarrassment." He said of the 150,000 living GW alumni, only 16 percent make annual contributions. Chernak suggested the SA "cultivate the senior class," and remind them of their "moral and fiscal duties" to give back to GW.

Unfortunately, Chernak said, the areas in which GW has improved were not weighed heavily in the survey. For instance, he emphasized a dramatic increase in applications and a decline in the acceptance rate, from 81 percent in 1988 to 55 percent last year.

SA President Mark Reynolds praised the first SA retreat, held Sept. 10, saying it "produced one of the most ambitious agendas in a long time." Some of the projects that came out of the retreat included plans for an SA homepage on the World Wide Web, a monthly student newsletter and a review of the advising systems in each school in the University.

Director of Community Affairs Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar highlighted his plans for the year, stressing his intent to plan projects that involve both GW students and members of the Foggy Bottom community.

GW students allege drugging at local clubs, loss of memory

GW students may need to worry about more than just getting caught using fake IDs at local clubs this fall.

University Police Director Dolores Stafford said UPD has received calls in the last two weeks from students alleging they had been drugged while they were out at local clubs. She said the students claimed something had been slipped into their drinks which caused them "to lose their memory for a short time period."

Stafford said UPD is still involved in a preliminary investigation of this matter, and therefore she was unable to release details about the students involved or the clubs at which these acts allegedly took place.

"We don't want to alarm anybody," Stafford said. "We just want students to be aware so they can take reasonable precautions when they go out in the area, such as not leaving their food or drinks unattended."

—Justin Bergman

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Storming the dorms

The Office of Residential Life swears its just-instituted health and safety inspection program is anything but an assumption of the Big Brother role. It asserts the program, which charges resident assistants with the duty of inspecting rooms once each month, prevents health hazards from going undetected and increases interaction between residents and RAs.

Students in residence halls, however, are crying out in disagreement. Several have reported RAs walking unannounced into rooms – not exactly the way to increase communication – and raising fears of illegal searches. Now the burden rests with Sheila Curtin and the rest of ORL to return to the drawing board and prove its actions are in good faith.

The inspection program is the epitome of a good idea crippled by poor implementation. Students often don't bother to report minor problems in their rooms, deciding that fixing the problem may be more trouble than it's worth. Housekeepers are not paid to check for leaks, overloaded electrical outlets or malfunctioning smoke alarms. Thus, problems can slip through the cracks as they did last year in Milton Hall, when a minor bathroom leak was neglected until a floor collapsed.

But RAs have not been given an exact agenda in inspecting rooms. And students should not have to put up with those RAs disrespectful enough to barge into their rooms without prior notice. With such sloppy execution, students have a right to feel nervous about their privacy.

ORL has announced that it intends to ease concerns surrounding the inspection program by considering proposals which include decreasing the number of inspections from once-monthly to three times a year. In addition, RAs should conduct checks on a sign-up basis, as is done for room inspections, rather than drop by at their own convenience.

There is nothing wrong with additional measures to ensure safety in residence halls. But they must maintain respect for those who live in them.

Home foreclosure

The Republican party has long claimed to be on a crusade to pry big government off the backs of the citizens. It should try to sell that argument to District residents.

The District budget bill has undergone major changes in the House District appropriations subcommittee. If the bill passes in its present form, District residents would face skyrocketing rent costs and Mayor Marion Barry (D) would be effectively handcuffed as Congress steps in to assume his job.

The disposal of rent controls is the one portion of the bill where the notion of reduced government is actually put into effect, but its intention of increasing tax dollars will likely drive thousands of District residents into Virginia and Maryland. Off-campus students in the District would be among those facing a possible move into the suburbs – the monthly rent for a one-bedroom Foggy Bottom apartment could more than double, for example. What good is increased tax revenue if the tax base flees?

Furthermore, provisions of the bill state that Barry has no authority to shift funds between city agencies once the budget is allocated, even if one runs out of funds while another carries a surplus. Congress seems to have forgotten that, for better or for worse, District residents voted Marion Barry the mayor of Washington, D.C., not Bob Dole or Newt Gingrich.

The bill all but announces that the notion of home rule is regarded as a farce by Congress. It could recommend a commuter tax, thereby gaining revenue from the thousands who make their money in D.C. and spend it elsewhere. But Congress has decided it can run a local government better than its citizens can. This from the champions of the small federal government.

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Hero status not enough to make Powell president of new U.S.

Colin Powell will be the next President of the United States. This seems to be the prevailing belief among some in this country as the general travels around the nation promoting his book. But is this a realistic possibility?

He seems to be a favorable alternative to both Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) and President Clinton. I say that Powell

is a favorable alternative without even knowing the first thing about where he stands on any issue. This could be a positive, though, as most people in this country are disheartened with politics and need someone from the outside to provide real change. But is Powell that man?

The concern is his experience, or lack thereof. He has never been in any elected position at all, not even high school prom king. A run for the most powerful position in the world requires some sort of background in an elected political position.

The rumors about Powell are omnipresent. The most popular one is that he tends to be a Republican. The reality for Powell is that he could never win the Republican nomination. The radical right of the Republican party is

far too conservative to let a candidate like him represent the party in a bout against Clinton.

The Republicans want this next presidential opportunity to show America just how conservative they can be, and they are doing that with Dole and Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Tex.). The Republicans are banking that America has become the bastion of

the ultra-conservative, nullifying the chances of anyone who portends to hold any other political beliefs than conservative.

The American political system has evolved beyond the realms of yesteryear, when all it took to have presidential aspirations was a "war hero" background. Today's political reality is much harsher. Americans now require consistency in their candidates, specific stances on the most prevalent issues of the day and experience. Powell doesn't meet these minimal requirements. Americans don't even know how he feels about the war in the former Yugoslavia, let alone how he intends to solve the problems of the inner-city.

It is clear that Powell would have to capture one of the party nominations if he has serious

hopes of becoming our next president. As an independent, he has virtually no chance of success. Independents have enough trouble getting themselves on the ballot before trying to run as a candidate for the presidency. Powell may be an American hero, but nonetheless he needs the support of a major political party if he has serious presidential aspirations.

There has also been some talk about the possibilities of Powell's chances as a Republican vice-presidential candidate. Here, too, the experience questions reverberate. Even as vice-president, one must be familiar with the workings of the system and the critical importance of compromise. A vice president's job is not to take contention with the party or the president, but Powell may not understand that and may contradict his party leader. Politics today is a delicate balance between image and compromise – no place for a general with minimal political experience.

Our political system, built to be complex and anti-amateur, is also anti-Powell. He represents everything that the political system wants to weed out. The evolution of this political system has left the days of Ulysses S. Grant and Dwight D. Eisenhower to the history books. The bottom line on Colin Powell is that he can aspire to be President, but he will never get there.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Green thoughts

As Alissa Karl pointed out, GW's Green University program is most visible through "the Plan," a document outlining the goals of the Green University and presented to the public last April. However, in response to her query (The GW Hatchet, "GW's noble intentions are not making the campus any greener," Sept. 11, p. 5) as to whether any environmental grass roots activity is occurring at GW outside of paperwork, I invite Alissa and everyone else to come and find out.

At nearly every level of the University, be it undergraduates, grads, facilities or faculty, there are determined people working to create a sustainable community here. Unfortunately, the sheer size of our University often hinders the visibility of those dedicated to change. In the year that I have been a student here, however, I have witnessed and affected several major changes.

The issue of an environmentally sound food service is imperative, as J Street is one of the most visible components of our University. To answer Alissa's question on how much bureaucracy is required to allow reusable cups at J Street – extensive legwork, proof of demand and feasibility are required simply to present the issue to the various supervisors and boards who hand down their edicts on such matters. If one can convince them that

reusable cups are actually a student demand, a detailed plan of action is expected, outlining the entire process required to implement the change if it is to occur.

These steps were taken by students on several environmental issues in the past year. The results, achieved after scaling and smashing through numerous brick walls, can and will be seen on campus in the upcoming month. The Vegetation Station, J Street's new vegetarian food bar, is the result of the efforts of Students for Environmental Action (SEA) through its meetings last year with our former dining services contractor, ServiceMaster. The majority of the dishes prepared are from recipes or suggestions provided by SEA.

Currently, GW is in the midst of contract negotiations with ARAMark, our current dining services provider. Students, faculty and facilities are all working to include contract stipulations which will require ARAMark to run an increasingly environmentally sustainable J Street.

Change is also occurring in numerous other areas of the University. A comprehensive campus-wide recycling system, complete with newly designed signs and receptacles, will be in place in all residence and academic halls by the end of October as a result of a year-long project by SEA and facilities.

Those are just some of the

numerous changes taking place here at GW. Change is a tedious and difficult process, however, and while a groundwork has been laid through the efforts of SEA, Green U. and others, the participation of everyone on campus is needed to truly create a "Green University." I invite everyone to join us. Vocalize your concerns and add your knowledge and resources to those already working toward the goal of an environmentally sustainable community at GW. Please contact me at: thana@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu.

—Megan Myers

Return of the ANC

The ANC has struck again!

WETA, after the legal trickery of ANC's appeal after appeal, has given up on building its broadcast headquarters at GW.

To the ANC and its lawyers: remember you have cost us many professional, high-income broadcast jobs in the GW area; canceled out many memorable meetings at GW with District leaders, concerned government officials and distinguished foreign visitors; and cost generations of students the invaluable practical experience working in broadcast programs.

Are you proud of this?

No wonder so many in Foggy Bottom and the District now see the ANC as Always Negative and Contentious!

—Don Tobey

OPINION

Balanced budget must not exclude America's students

This is a busy time for you. But while you are choosing classes and making the decisions that will help you build a good life for yourself, the Congressional majority is working to make drastic cuts in education – in your student loans, in national service and even in your scholarships. And the cuts will jeopardize the future you and your generation are working toward.

I want you to know that I oppose these cuts. I will do everything in my power to fight them and to see to it that the dream of higher education remains real for all Americans. I will do this not only by defending the opportunities of those of you who are already in college, but by opening the doors further to make sure that even greater numbers of deserving Americans have the chance to stand where you stand today.

For the first time in a long time, leaders from both parties are resolved that we must balance the federal budget. So far, we have made great progress. In three

years, we have cut the deficit nearly in half, from \$290 billion to \$160 billion.

Now we are ready to eliminate the deficit entirely. On this, the Congressional majority and I see eye to eye.

My balanced budget plan would take longer than Congress' plan to eliminate the deficit, but that's a small price to pay to keep your scholarships, your student loans and national service safe and well.

Balancing the budget is about more than numbers. It's about our values and our future. Education has always been the currency of the American Dream.

The facts speak for themselves. Earnings for those with no post-secondary education have fallen substantially in the last 15 years. The only people for whom earnings have increased steadily are people exactly like you – those Americans with more education. Every year of

higher education increases your earnings by six to 12 percent. Those years also mean a stronger overall economy and richer lives for those who have them.

Balancing the budget will be good for our economy and your future if it's done right. But simply balancing the budget won't do us

much good in the long term if your generation does not have the education it needs to meet the challenges of the next century.

President Bill

Clinton

Just think over what the Congressional majority's plan, if it went through, would do to you, your classmates and any of the one out of two college students who receives federal aid. It would:

- Raise the cost of student loans by \$10 billion over seven years by charging you interest on your loan while you are in school. This would increase the cost of a college education by as much as \$3,100 for undergraduates and \$9,400 for

graduate students.

- Deny up to 360,000 low-income students desperately needed Pell Grants in 1996.

- Shut down AmeriCorps, our national service initiative, which gives thousands of young people the chance to earn and save money for college while serving their country.

By contrast, my balanced budget plan builds on the national consensus that we must help people help themselves, through the power of education. It eliminates both of our deficits: our budget deficit and our education deficit. My plan cuts wasteful spending by more than \$1 trillion, but it also increases investments in education by \$40 billion over the next seven years.

Think over how my balanced budget plan would help guarantee your future and all the hard work you're about to put into it. It will:

- Increase funding for Pell Grants by \$3.4 billion. Almost one million more students would benefit from the scholarships. And we would

raise the top award to \$3,128 by the year 2002.

- Expand AmeriCorps to let even more young Americans serve their communities and go to college.

- Protect our direct-lending program, which makes student loans more affordable, with more repayment options, and saves taxpayers, parents and students billions of dollars.

You deserve the nation's support. And your future success will likely repay our common investment. I do not accept the arguments of those who condemn irresponsibility in young Americans and then seek to deny the nation's helping hand to the millions of you who are doing the right things.

I hope you'll support my efforts to protect education and balance the budget. The fight for education is the fight for your future. In my life – and in the lives of countless Americans – education has meant the difference between the impossible and the possible. It should be true in your lives, too. With your help, we'll keep it that way.

Presidential paradoxes a result of leadership in the '90s

Every university president suffers from it, me included. On the one hand, he or she labors non-stop and continually discusses the well-being of the students – what they need, what they want and what their families are currently thinking about the school their nearest and dearest attend.

On the other hand, when the number of students numbers somewhere around 20,000, how many can a university president actually, personally meet? And of the students actually and personally met, with how many can even the most devoted president have a long conversation?

The result might be called institutionalized surrealism. The president seems always to be up on a podium, looking down on a mass audience. The audience, in turn, is listening to the words being spoken by the president to "everybody in general and no one in particular."

As he or she struggles to keep track of what students are currently feeling and experiencing at the university, an academic president has to be a cautious juggler as well as an astute interpreter. For example, the president has to be careful not to overvalue the point of view presented by a single well-spoken student who may not be an accurate representative of what's being shared by other students.

And at the very same time, of course, the president has to somehow move between interested parties that are in competition with each other for funding and other benefits – interested parties who include, obviously, students, faculty members, staff members,

departments and entire schools.

When standing up on the podium, the last thing a president wants to look like is a juggler. At that moment, he or she is supposed to be summing up all the values that tie the institution together and give it a sense of group-identity.

But in the give-and-take of daily intramural politics, juggling is what it all comes down to feeling

like. And there are moments, inevitably, when the president feels like one of those French criminals of the ancient regime

who was pulled apart by four horses, each putting full force behind a length of stout rope.

Back in the Eisenhower years, when the victor of the greatest of wars was serving as president of his country, Americans still needed their leaders to look and sound and feel like wise papas whose authority stemmed from their wisdom and personal strength. In contrast, Bill Clinton is often expected to look like a brother rather than a father – the kind of person who shares a measure of our own experiences as "average citizens," including some weaknesses not unlike our own.

And the built-in frustration of the "leader role" is suggested by what happens to the modern version of an American president when things, nationally or internationally, aren't going quite right. Suddenly everyone's symbolic brother is criticized for not being more like an authoritarian father. "He ought to tell those jerks where to get off!" cry people who, if the president of the United States were to become a passionate teller-

offer, would soon be denouncing him as some kind of Victorian fossil.

The paradox of leadership is the paradox of "centralized detachment." Getting through to your constituencies and responding to them with balance requires conscious and sometimes strenuous effort. Where GW's students are

concerned, that fact makes me one of The Hatchet's most intense and faithful readers, and someone whose ears sharpen when I overhear a conversation between two undergraduates in a Rice Hall elevator.

"Out there" is the institution whose good fortune will do me good and whose disasters – should they,

God forbid, occur – will hurt a lot more than a stubbed toe or a bumped forehead. The things leaders are never allowed enough of are excuses!

—Stephen Joel Trachtenberg is president of The George Washington University.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Safe and legal

In the Sept. 18 issue of The GW Hatchet, Elise Ehrhard and Juli Schwartz wrote what can only be described as an emotionally-driven, irrational article ("Legal abortion hasn't liberated the Roe v. Wade generation," p. 4).

Unfortunately, the mere fact that the Supreme Court of the United States of America ruled abortion constitutional and has upheld the decision numerous times is not enough to satisfy anti-choice proponents.

Since Ms. Ehrhard and Ms. Schwartz seem to think that the basic freedom of choice is not allowable, I will fashion my argument to prove that the freedom of choice is not only allowable, but it is necessary to the continuance of democracy in these United States of America.

First, the legal abortion is a safe medical procedure, not a "quick-fix suction-machine solution," as Ms. Ehrhard and Ms. Schwartz put it. The bluntness with which they write is intended to cause an emotional reaction, an adverse one, that will transcend logic and cause the reader to agree. It is the same as mailing out pictures of aborted fetuses. It is a low tactic.

Second, abortion is not murder. You can't kill something that is not living. A fetus cannot support itself outside of the mother before the third trimester. If it cannot support itself, it cannot be considered a living being. Everyone knows that murder is bad, so irrationally calling abortion murder once again causes an emotional reaction in the reader.

Third, throughout the article, the authors state that the right to choose alienates the man, taking any responsibility away from him. First of all, if there is no man present, any woman is more than perfectly capable of making her own decision. To say otherwise would be sexual discrimination of the highest degree.

Hopefully, the decision to abort a pregnancy would be made after being thought through by all parties involved. But any man who does not take a part in the responsibility for the choice probably did not take any responsibility for the pregnancy in the first place.

Fourth, the Republican party (which is more anti-choice than the Democratic party) insists on cutting welfare to single mothers. If abortions were to become more accessible, the poverty level would decrease because there would not

be as many families running around with lots of children. Any Republican plans to cut welfare and de-legalize abortion would succeed in lowering America's lower class, which in my eyes is too low anyway.

Last, choice is essential. Even if we lived in a society with no inherent freedoms, liberties or justice, we would still have our bodies. Our bodies are our property and ours alone. It is not the place of any one person to determine what anyone else can or cannot do with their bodies.

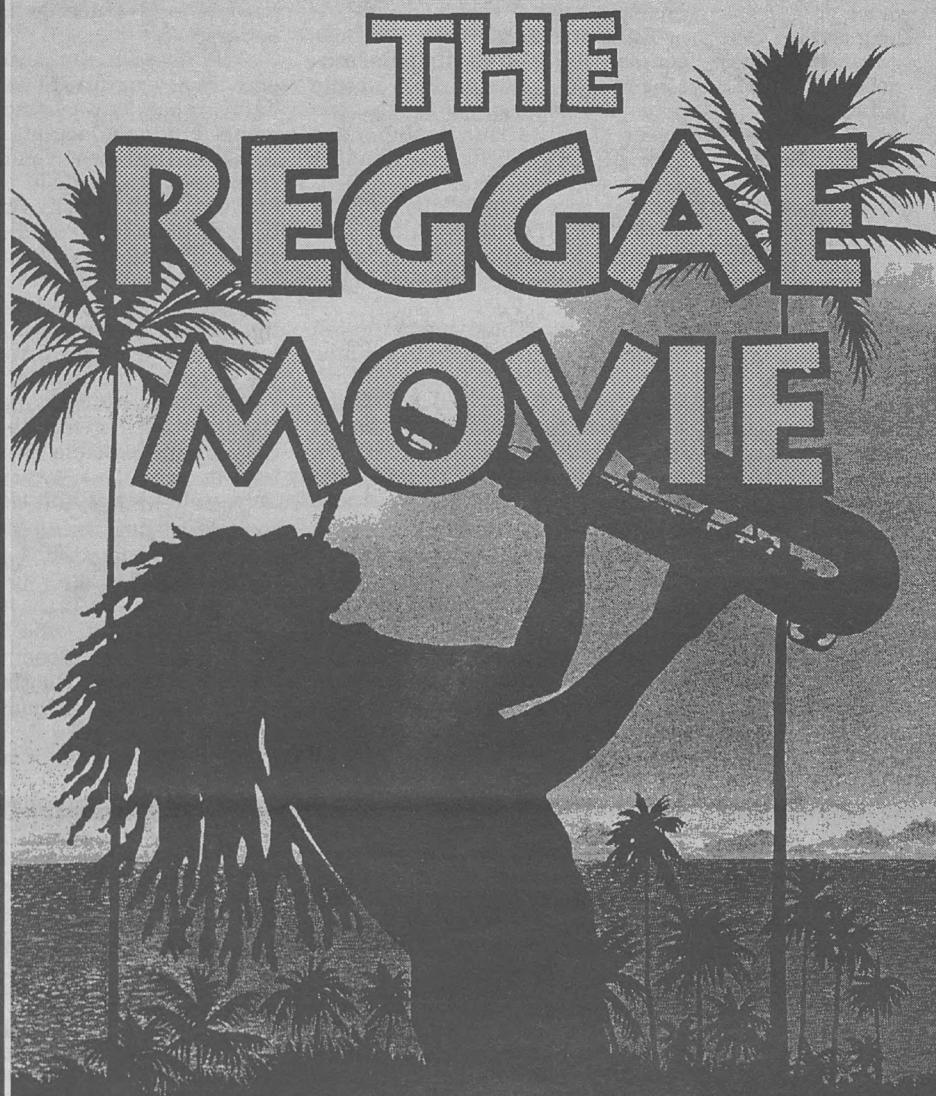
The most heinous crimes (rape, assault, murder) all deal with someone infringing upon the body of another. All of this goes hand-in-hand with choice. Any person should have the right to choose what they do with their body, whether it is through a living will, an assisted suicide or an abortion. Denying anybody the freedom of their bodies is denying them one of the most basic freedoms available.

We, as citizens of the United States, do not deny freedom. That is not the American way. As the song that we all learned in elementary school goes, "From every mountainside, let freedom ring!"

—Josh Franklin

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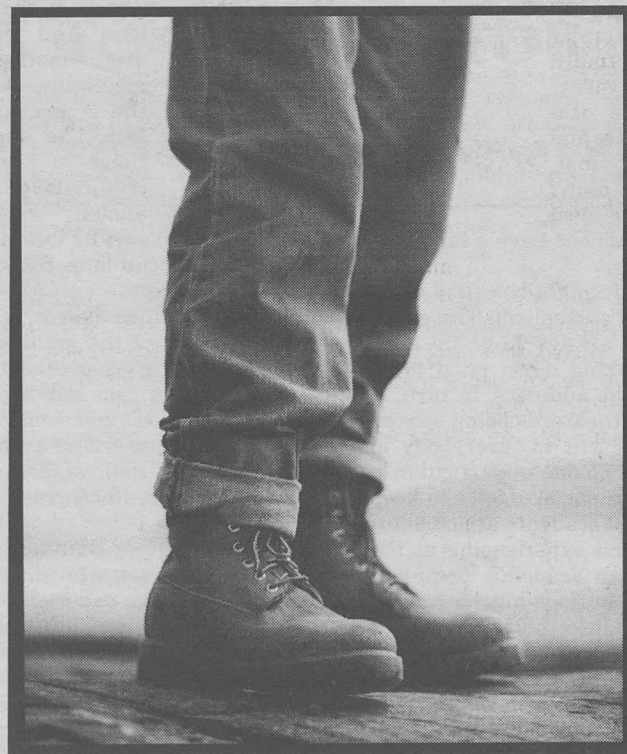
Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Colin Powell describes his time at GW in several passages in his autobiography, "My American Journey." Powell attended GW when the student body was organizing protests on campus about American involvement in Vietnam:

"That fall, I was back at GWU, a professional soldier in college at the height of the anti-war movement. It was an odd sensation, passing by fraternity houses where sheets were painted with the peace symbol and anti-war slogans fluttered from windows and soapbox orators condemned the war I fought in. As I walked around in my chino slacks and sport shirt, I felt like a disguised plant in the enemy camp. My brushes with the protesters were peripheral, however, since there were few flag burners among M.B.A. candidates taking courses such as marketing management

and business accounting ... Like me, my classmates were less concerned with politics than with boning up for the next exam and finishing their master's theses. They were the yuppies of tomorrow, though the term had yet to be coined."

"I did not bother to attend my graduation that May. Given the anti-war mood on campus and my status as a married man with three children, I felt no need for pomp, circumstance or further protests. I picked up my degree at the dean's office. In two years of graduate school, I had earned all A's and the lone B in computer logic. My mentor, Dr. (Professor of Management Marvin) Wolfsey, urged me to stay for a Ph.D., which the Army might well have underwritten. But I had a pretty clear picture of myself. I was a good student, but no scholar, and a soldier before a student. I was eager to get back to the Army."

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Attack on home rule draws fire

GOP proposals prompt Barry, Norton, D.C. residents to protest

By LEE RUMBARGER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

In a show of solidarity against Congressional initiatives to increase federal control over the District, protesters on Capitol Hill spent their lunch hour Tuesday waving signs reading "Free D.C." and chanting "No taxation without representation."

As cars passing by honked their support, Del. Eleanor Holmes

Norton (D-D.C.) said President Clinton had promised, in a phone call to her from Air Force One, that he would "seriously consider vetoing" legislation which would put limitations on home rule in the District.

Inside the Longworth House Office Building, meanwhile, the House subcommittee on D.C. appropriations was preparing to mark up the D.C. appropriations bill, attaching provisions which

would limit Mayor Marion Barry's (D) and the D.C. Council's control over the city's finances.

Norton said she was at the rally to "bear witness to the fact that no self-respecting American would give up the right to self-government." She said current proposed cuts in district autonomy are more than the "usual disrespect" from the federal government.

Issues drawing fire from the crowd included the possible elimination of rent control in the District, cuts in the District budget, disempowerment of the District school board, mandated privatization of government functions and the elimination of federal funds for abortion services. But the most volatile issue was what Norton, Barry and others called the "erosion" of home rule.

Quoting Martin Luther King Jr., Barry said, "No man or woman can walk on your back unless you bend it." The mayor praised Norton as "vigilant, resilient, courageous ... a warrior" in her protection of the rights of District residents.

D.C. Council Chairman David Clarke (D) said Republicans were attempting an "imposition of ideology" on District residents that "slapped (residents) in the face." The rest of the nation should look to the District as an example of what can be expected from Republican leadership, Clarke added.

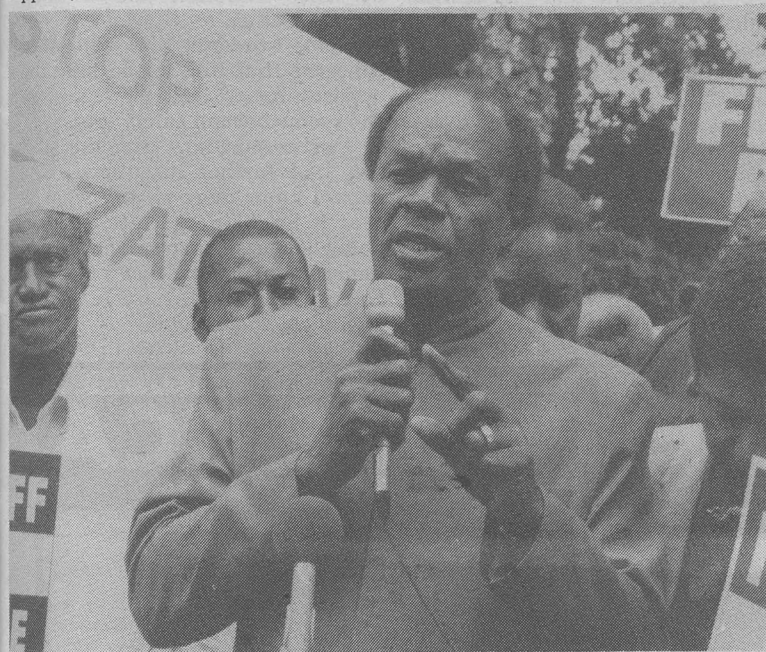


photo by Claire Duggan

D.C. Mayor Marion Barry (D) joined protesters Tuesday afternoon in condemning GOP cuts in the District appropriations bill.

President Powell? GW students, faculty speculate

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a Republican since he supports abortion rights and affirmative action. And I don't think he'd fit in with Newt Gingrich or Bob Dole."

Schatz predicted that in 1996, there will not be any third-party candidates.

Powell's appeal, however, is widespread enough to make some Democrats reconsider their current leader. "I think the positions that Colin Powell has come out on

would make him an excellent Democrat," said Nate Tamarin, treasurer of the CDs. "I personally hope he would run as a Democrat. There are several disaffected Democrats who have been disappointed with President Clinton's performance, who would be willing to help out someone as admirable as Colin Powell."

Powell's moderate views, though, may limit his support among conservative students, hint-

ed American Collegiate Conservatives Publicity Chair Eric Williams.

"At our barbecue, of course people were talking about it, and there was mixed reaction to Colin Powell, his book, his stances and his entering the race. Some people liked him, some didn't. Some people were excited, some people weren't," Williams said.

"Personally, I have some problems with his stances on affirmative action and gun control. I have some doubts on how pro-freedom he is, which would be a problem for me and some others in our organization," he said.

GW Assistant Professor of Political Science Forrest Maltzman said he has noticed that his students are fascinated by the possibility of Powell running. Maltzman said he thinks it is still likely Powell will run as an independent, although he admits "that is not an easy way to get into the White House."

"There are two big challenges with running as an independent. One is getting on the ballot. Powell will have to collect over 700,000 signatures," Maltzman said. "The second big challenge is campaign financing. The current system is very biased in favor of major political parties."



photo by Dave Fintzen

Colin Powell signs copies of his new book, *An American Journey*, for fans - and potential voters - at a D.C. bookstore Monday.

House Republicans slash D.C. budget

By DONNA BRUTKOSKI
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

GOP members of Congress sliced even deeper into the D.C. budget than did the D.C. Council and the financial control board, approving Tuesday an appropriations bill for the District which cuts the budget by an additional \$148 million below earlier recommendations.

City officials, including Mayor Marion Barry (D), Congressional Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.), D.C. Council Chairman David Clarke (D) and control board chairman Andrew Brimmer, expressed anger and disappointment over the results of Tuesday's legislative markup. The proposal would take some power over the city's finances away from Barry and makes deep cuts into city services, particularly into salaries.

The bill, as reported out of the House D.C. appropriations subcommittee, would cut 460 more employees than the 2,000 original-

ly recommended by the control board. The Metropolitan Police Department's budget would be cut by \$1.5 million, a move some city officials were particularly opposed to because of the city's crime problems.

Barry's powers, particularly those relating to the city's finances, would be cut as well. The bill would require each city agency to operate under a strict budget, prohibiting the mayor from shifting funds from one agency to another.

Finally, the bill would also phase out rent control, causing rent prices in some areas of the city to double.

Subcommittee chairman Rep. James Walsh (D-N.Y.) said the budget cuts "will put the District on a firm financial footing faster."

But Brimmer said he was "extremely disappointed" by the depth of the cuts, and Norton told protesters on Capitol Hill that the bill, as passed by the committee, shows "profound disrespect" for D.C. residents.

Barry and Clarke testified before Senate and House committees last week in support of the budget bill, touting the amount of budget-cutting the city government had already done and pleading with Congress not to tinker with home rule.

Statehood Party members Florence Pendleton and Jon Capozzi, D.C. Council members and representatives of the D.C.

Board of Education were among the other speakers voicing their concerns.

Norton said the rally would give her fuel for discussion with House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) when they meet to talk about the District's problems.

"You have showed me that I am not speaking for myself, but for the District of Columbia," she said.



photo by Dave Fintzen

People line up to catch a glimpse of Powell and have their books signed by the possible presidential candidate.

Maltzman added, however, that candidates such as Ross Perot have demonstrated there is significant voter dissatisfaction with the two major parties. Powell's advantage, Maltzman said, is that he is "Perot without the kook factor."

Even GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg has been infected with Powell's appeal. He was a guest at Powell's book party at the

Phillips' Collection Museum.

"I never looked up his transcript," joked Trachtenberg, according to the Washington Times. Trachtenberg did have some high praise for Powell, though. "The (presidency) would be enhanced by someone of his station; he's obviously a capable and outstanding individual."

Kalb's first report to be October 2

Tickets for students are now available in the Marvin Center for the series of Marvin Kalb reports beginning Oct. 2 at 8 p.m. at the National Press Club.

Marvin Kalb has returned to host four more political forums this year which will focus on the upcoming 1996 presidential cam-

paings. The new series will again feature prominent journalists, pollsters and politicians discussing the relationship of press and politics.

"The Kalb Report: Campaign '96" is co-sponsored by GW and the National Press Club. Only one of the broadcasts will be held on the

GW campus, in the Betts Marvin Theatre Dec. 11.

Kalb hosted a series of reports last year on public policy and the press while he was a visiting professor at GW.

—Justin Bergman

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Students question safety inspections

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inspection earlier this month. After discussing their concerns with members of the University staff, the two were instructed to write a formal complaint to the Office of Residential Life. Clark and Weber then devised a petition for the hall in order to give everyone a voice about this policy.

According to Weber, the project has "gone much further in proportion than originally expected." Clark and Weber said they have no intent to abolish the policy of the room checks.

Although both said they feel the policy is a necessity, they do question the frequency of these "searches." Weber's and Clark's petition proposes a maximum of three inspections per year, ideally at the beginning, middle and end of the academic term. They said this time frame would make it easier for the RAs to schedule a time for each room. The proposal would also require at least one resident to be present during an inspection.

More than 100 JBKO residents have signed the petition, and many more intend to, Clark said.

Weber said she wants to ask that "the University and students treat one another with respect and compromise as adults." She

stressed there is always room for an amendment or a change in their proposal.

The two said they have sent copies of the petition to Strong and Sheila Curtin, director of the Office of Residential Life, as well as to GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak.

Curtin said she is trying to set up a time to meet with both Clark and Weber to talk about their proposal.

"They took an appropriate channel open to them," Curtin said of the petition drive. "I'm very interested in exploring it further."

Curtin also said she thinks initial problems with the program's implementation can be overcome by more direction and training from her office.

Some students also expressed concerns that RAs would take the opportunity to look for things in the rooms beyond safety issues.

Curtin said now that the staff has had further discussion, RAs should know more clearly what to search for. "I'm not interested in doing surprise inspections of students' rooms, that's not my goal," Curtin said. "(RAs) are not to be looking to find alcohol."

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Students govern themselves in halls

BY STACEY NOLISH
HATCHET REPORTER

Along with the freedoms of college life comes a total loss of privacy and the need to get along with your roommates and everyone who lives around you.

While students are free from the rules of their parents, they are not free from guidelines and regulations.

The Community Compact is a program through which residence communities govern themselves. It enables students to take responsibility for themselves and their floors through open discussion, said Mark Levine, director of the Community Standards Initiative.

He explained that the program, in its third year, exists "for students to have more of a say in order to become responsible citizens and to learn about being accountable to each other."

The program coordinates such things as quiet hours, visitation policies, hall celebrations and recycling programs in the residence halls, Levine said.

Levine said community hearings, similar to town meetings, provide an open forum for students to discuss problems and decide penalties - including community service and peer mediation - for violations of rules. He added that the compact has two basic rules: do what you agree to do and don't encroach on

other people or their property.

Levine said he has received mostly positive feedback during the three years the program has been in existence.

"Some want rules and structure and others think it's helpful in getting to know people and how to approach them," he said.

Beth Kirschbaum, a resident assistant at Thurston Hall for the past two years, said she believes the program has worked much better this year. "There has been more focus on community building (this year) which has taken the focus off of discipline," she explained.

The freshman residence hall meetings tend to get a large turnout because, Kirschbaum said, "It's all new here. Everyone wants to take part."

Freshman Grant Guthrie said he saw both positive and negative aspects to the Community Standards Initiative.

"It's a way for everyone to voice their opinions, though not everyone does it in the best way," he said.

Kirschbaum agreed, saying that the first meeting always turns into a battle over quiet hours. She said it is such a large debate that some floors need three meetings to work it out.

"My floor waited two or three weeks to have our first meeting so everyone would get to know what it was like to live here," she added.

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Darling 'Dolly' returns to D.C. as if she never left

Carol Channing flawlessly resumes role at Kennedy Center that she made famous 32 years ago



Garner as Horace Vandergelder says "Hello, Dolly!" to the charming Channing at the Kennedy Center.

BY DAVID LARIMER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Carol Channing probably would not have needed "Hello, Dolly!" to be considered one of the greatest stars in American theater history. She made the cover of *Time* magazine in 1950 for her performance in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." She has won a Tony award or nomination for every Broadway show in which she has appeared, not to mention five Emmy nominations and one award, an Oscar nomination and a Golden Globe award.

But since 1963, she has been and always will be Dolly Levi.

In the nearly 32 years since she first donned the outrageous garb of the irrepressible matchmaker from Yonkers, N.Y., she has put Cal Ripken to shame, performing "Hello, Dolly!" nearly 4,500 times without missing a single show. No other living actor can so rightly lay claim to having the role of a lifetime.

Now she is back in the District, where she performed the play before it even hit Broadway. It's so

nice to have her back where she belongs.

And we should all wish Dolly will never go away again. It doesn't matter that Channing, now in her 70s, perhaps cannot sing as she used to. Her comedic timing is still razor-sharp. Her energy is inspiring. She even makes her character's gold-digging behavior look sweet.

So the fact that the entire Kennedy Center performance bounces with Channing's vibrancy is a bonus. The show is bathed in extravagant Technicolor costumes, seamless in action and chock-full of larger-than-life sets and dance numbers.

Jay Garner gamely mutes his obvious fondness for Channing as Horace Vandergelder, the crusty Yonkers tycoon who simultaneously attempts to woo Irene Molloy (Florence Lacey), break up the engagement between his gratingly whiny daughter (Christine DeVito) and her working-class beau (James Darrah) and fight off Dolly's unconventional charms.

Michael DeVries provides the

show's knockout voice in playing Vandergelder's sheltered clerk, Cornelius. And the huge ensemble flawlessly executes the challenging dance numbers, particularly in the play's showcase restaurant scene.

But it's Channing's show through and through, and the audience would have had nothing less. Seemingly every move she made was greeted with warm applause, and the way she handled the adoration only endeared her further to the audience. When the audience gave her a standing ovation — in the middle of the second act — Channing gasped as if she had never before received one and, when she thanked the crowd at length during her final bows, exclaimed, "You dear people just keep standing and listening to me!"

After 30 years, Dolly's still going strong. And audiences will no doubt keep listening as long as Channing is performing.

"Hello, Dolly!" continues at the Kennedy Center through Oct. 8. For information and tickets, call (202) 467-4600.

Another novel about bitter, angst-ridden Generation X. Wow.

BY LIZA ZWIEBACH
HATCHET REPORTER

Why do novelists, filmmakers, playwrights, advertising executives and other assorted industry-types continue to think that confused and inebriated 23-year-olds make interesting entertainment fodder? Was *Reality Bites* really that great?

All bias aside, *Our Noise* (Simon and Schuster) by first-time author Jeff Gomez is pretty terrible. Even without the obscure music references and obvious co-opting of other people's material, it would still be poorly written. It focuses hazily on a small clump of people living in a small clump of a town called Kitty. Some are college graduates, the rest are dropouts, and it's difficult to figure out which subset is more pathetic.

The least annoying characters, Craig and Ashley, are equipped with college degrees but live together in what is probably the worst relationship ever documented fictitiously. The cast list also includes Randy and Chipp, who take time out from the advancement of their drug problems to start a magazine. Then there's Dave, who works as a waiter at a place called The Whale's Fin, in order to support himself until his independent record label takes off.

Does any of this sound familiar? Could this novel be just another in a long series of pop-culture masterpieces chronicling the plagues of a certain generation usually described by a specific letter of the alphabet that I will not mention.

The novel follows five or six main characters around for a couple of weeks, without committing to any one narrator or point of view. There isn't a real plot, but for whatever reason it works. In fact, *Our Noise* isn't that unenjoyable to read. There are a few funny parts and, some of the descriptions are pretty accurate, even "dead-on."

Most of the dialogue is ridiculous and contrived, though. I actually found myself saying aloud in disgust, "No one talks like that!" Gomez might have a total hepcat-complex: he can't write a sentence without slipping in some allusion to some band no one else in the world has heard of.

The biggest problem with the book is that its subject has already been done to death. It's not funny anymore to listen to the whining of the young and cynical. The sad thing is that at least Generation X movies (damn, I said it) are usually accompanied by a decent soundtrack. This book obviously isn't.

Our Noise isn't profound or thoughtful or horrifying or illuminating. It won't make you smarter or a better dresser, and you definitely shouldn't buy a copy. But if you happen to find one lying around while you have time to kill, pick it up and flip through it. You'll impress all your friends with some shallow knowledge of really esoteric bands.

The important thing to remember is that you must not, under any circumstances, turn out like the people in this book. Just keep that in mind, and you'll be okay.



Rookie Brad Pitt leans on veteran New York City homicide cop Morgan Freeman in *Seven*.

It's a sin not to see *Seven*

BY NINA MEHTA
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

One of my best friends back in New York is convinced to this day that she sat next to the infamous Zodiac Killer on the uptown bus one night.

It's something we laugh about, but the threat serial killers pose and the paranoia they create is almost becoming a common part of life in the city. This story is the one thing that kept running through my mind while watching the new film *Seven* (New Line Cinema), directed by David Fincher (*Alien3*).

The movie, starring Brad Pitt and Academy Award nominee Morgan Freeman as New York City homicide detectives, centers around a serial killer who murders according to the seven deadly sins — greed, gluttony, sloth, pride, lust, envy and wrath.

Freeman plays veteran detective Lt. William Somerset opposite Pitt's rookie detective David Mills. The two are unwillingly paired up to solve the murders, which may sound like a cliché. Surprisingly enough, this is not the case. Somerset is the patient, thinking man, meticulous and logical, while Mills is the passionate yet naïve cop too eager to learn from his partner. It makes for an interesting and original pairing.

Religion is a significant part of the plot. The urban backdrop of New York City serves as a modern day Sodom and Gomorrah, which is clearly Fincher's intent. The film plays itself as a short story piece fit for the MTV set. The credits open up with shaky camera angles and "Closer" by Nine Inch Nails in the back-

ground, with the lyrics "You bring me closer to God."

The killer's only motive is to purge society of its sins. The murders are graphic but not gratuitous. The symbolism makes it visually affecting. For example, the defense attorney, representing the sin of greed, is slowly bled to death. The murders aren't similar in any way. They stand alone, but each are puzzle pieces leading toward a complete work of art in the killer's mind.

As a psychological thriller, *Seven* is probably one of the most intelligent since *The Silence of the Lambs*. The unexpected and disturbing climax is an example of the film's originality. Freeman's performance as the brilliant Somerset further enhances the film, along with Pitt, who proves his talent as an actor with his downplayed portrayal of Mills. Gwyneth Paltrow as Mills' wife is also one to watch. She brings dimension to what might have otherwise been another stock supporting character of a cop's wife.

As much as *Seven* appears to make a statement that cities — and specifically New York — are analogous to hell and moral decay, it probably wasn't Fincher or writer Andrew Kevin Walker's aim. They seem to admire those who do live in the city and the reasons they stay.

Freeman's character is asked after the exhausting conclusion where he will be. He answers matter-of-factly, "Around. I'll be around." The viewer gets the impression that however burned out he is, there is nowhere else for him to go. The audience sees the main characters finish the film with a greater understanding of their environment.

impressions

True to form, Disney makes more happy movies



Disney has always made winners out of motley crews like this one.

Ride the Green wave

By NIKI MEZLO
HATCHET REPORTER

A Walt Disney film. Need I say more?

Obviously there is no sex or violence. *The Reservoir Dogs* this isn't. *The Big Green* (Disney) is a movie with shiny, happy people and a predictable story line, but if you can leave your age at the door and get over the fact that a goat is butting the opening credits off the screen, you may actually find yourself enjoying this movie.

The Big Green is set in economically-depressed Elma, Texas. Bored and lazy, the kids amuse themselves in odd ways. Goats are the pets of choice, and instead of playing Sega, the town's boys enjoy sprinkling Cheetos on their chests and letting the birds have a feast. As animal-friendly as this practice may seem, it's just not normal. These kids need a real hobby, and their new British exchange teacher, Miss Montgomery (Olivia D'Abo, the rebellious hippie from ABC's "The Wonder Years"), seems to be the only person to realize this.

After numerous unsuccessful attempts to get their attention in the classroom, Montgomery takes her students outside and introduces them to the wonderful world of football (or as we Yanks call it, "soccer"). In the beginning, they are the pits. Even with coaching

from Montgomery and Sheriff Tom Hamilton (Steve Guttenberg), the team loses to the Knights, a brat pack of egotistical yuppie 12-year-olds. After this disappointing but expected loss, the team decides it needs to get it together.

The kids name themselves after their practice field, and with the help of Juan, a new player and soccer god in the eyes of Elma, of course they begin to win.

Eventually, Montgomery and Hamilton fall in love, the town's residents become soccer junkies, and the Big Green makes it to the playoffs. All is "Disney" in Elma until the Sheriff discovers Juan's mother is an illegal alien. This provides a bit of excitement, as Juan and his mother, afraid of getting caught, leave town right before the big game. To add another heart-stopping thrill, the team is pitted against the Knights again. I won't give away the ending, only to say that it leaves you with a warm and fuzzy feeling inside.

The Big Green is a typical Disney flick, but that's not necessarily a bad thing. It's nice to simply watch a movie and not have to analyze every scene for some hidden theme. It may be a juvenile, but it is cute and at times even funny. If you are in the mood to be silly and forget about the 600 pages you have to read for next week, this may be the perfect movie.

Wholesome Heroes all smiles

By DAN HORVATH
HATCHET REPORTER

Unstrung Heroes (Hollywood Pictures) is Diane Keaton's debut as a feature film director. Her extensive acting work with Woody Allen seems to have rubbed off a bit on her directing. *Unstrung Heroes* is impressive for someone's first, second, fifth or tenth film.

The story is seen through the eyes of Steven Lidz (Nathan Watt), a 12-year-old-boy. Watt, also in his feature film debut, is impressive as an awkwardly exuberant boy coming of age. His parents, played by John Turturro and Andie MacDowell, are not exactly typical of their early 1960s suburban neighbors and surroundings. The father is a scientific genius who becomes cold and distant when a crisis hits the family. The boy eventually leaves home to go live with his two wildly eccentric uncles, Danny Lidz (Michael Richards) and Arthur Lidz (Maury Chaykin).

Richards (Kramer from NBC's "Seinfeld") is funny as Steven's Torah-loving, W.A.S.P.-hating, revolutionary uncle. Unfortunately, Richards brings most of his Kramer attributes to the film and offers little expansion or variation on them. His performance is good, but would be better if he did not recycle the same slapstick humor.

Keaton's innocence as a director aides in successfully developing the notion that we are seeing this strange and colorful world through the eyes of a 12-year-old. The opening segment of the film is done with old black-and-white filmstock. Its home video quality is reminiscent of the opening credits of ABC's "The Wonder Years." It pulls the viewer into that wonderful land known as the early '60s, when the Kennedys made the world like Camelot, and popular music was played by decent folks with short hair.

Also during the opening sequence, Steven reminisces about how his father filmed the various experiments he did. Keaton makes this film the same way Sid Lidz films Steven and the rest of the family. She documents a fictional family, and the actors are trapped inside their characters just as the characters are trapped in Lidz's crazy contraptions.

Keaton continues to make references to the art of filmmaking throughout the movie: Steven learns how to use a '60s-style video camera, recording private and public events. His mother, Selma Lidz, falls ill and becomes the focus of Steven's maturation and the end of his innocence. He captures on film his emotions and memories.

The underlying theme of *Unstrung Heroes*, a young Jewish

boy coming of age, is presented in a straightforward and somewhat simplistic manner. During his mother's illness, Steven looks toward his father and uncles for guidance. These three figures tend to be one-dimensional, but their simplicity, intended or unintended, allows the viewer to see their major influence upon young Steven. His father expands his mind, Danny brings out his soul and Arthur touches his heart.

The movie plods along with some uncertainty to Steven's eventual coming of age, his bar mitzvah. Along the way he has various mishaps, adventures and dramatic experiences. Perhaps one of the best scenes in the movie is when Steven and his younger sister Sandy (Kendra Krull) are making breakfast for their parents. The record player in the background demonstrates the importance of sound in a film and enhances an already powerful scene.

Unstrung Heroes is a good film. It's not brilliant by any means, but it is better than most of the films currently in theaters. With the recent outpouring of awful family-oriented movies, like *The Mighty Ducks 2*, *Blank Check* and *Man of the House*, it is refreshing to see a film that is warm, poignant and can be watched by everyone from little sis' to grandpa.



Little Steven Lidz is caught between his childish uncles and stern father in *Unstrung Heroes*.

By KATY D'ANGELO
HATCHET REPORTER

As a young woman in the 1990s, I would consider myself to be independent, headstrong and ready to face the world before me. But for any women who feel their high school sex education class (when the boys leave the room) was not adequate preparation for the struggles women face today, there may be an answer after all.

The College Woman's Handbook (Workman), by recent Barnard College graduates Rachel Dobkin and Shana Sippy, is a complete and up-to-date resource for women on their own for the first time. Containing 24 chapters and more than 650 pages of information, the book touches upon subjects such as academics, living away from home, personal safety and health, time management, depression, drug and alcohol abuse, relationships, sexually transmitted diseases, discrimination and bias.

One of the best features about *The College Woman's Handbook* is the manner in which it addresses these issues. Rather than act as a modern, feminist encyclopedia, the authors use a light-heart-

ed, humorous style to provide valuable information and, more importantly, support for women facing a variety of problems today.

Each page contains statistics and facts regarding the topic at hand and quotes from college-aged women with advice and concerns. For example, "Verbal skills are at their highest when estrogen levels are. You'll be better at tongue-twisters during ovulation than right after your period."

The College Woman's Handbook features more than just the obvious, politically-correct female issues of the '90s. The book touches upon seemingly trivial but essential topics, ranging from preparing to study abroad to what to do if your car breaks down. The book goes from issues of balancing a checkbook to facing a landlord. No matter how much you think you know, this book contains information you will need.

A young woman can make it through college without the guidance and wisdom of *The College Woman's Handbook*, but why should she? At last women have come together to show we all face similar challenges, and unlike men who typically refuse to stop and ask for directions when they are lost, it's okay to ask for help. It's about education, at any level.

Young, independent
and female in the
'90s? *The College
Woman's Handbook*
was written for you

SPOTLIGHT

Student chef experiments with college cuisine

Even tiny JBKO hall kitchens can serve up the perfect meal

BY LAURA CAREY
HATCHET REPORTER

I love to cook. Most students at GW react with horror at the idea of doing more than unwrapping a Lean Cuisine or frozen pizza once they get into the kitchen. But cooking can be a great way to de-stress, hang out with some friends and ultimately make a great meal.

I think many students are intimidated when I say I went to the Cordon Bleu (a 100-year-old cooking school in Paris). But being a senior in the Elliott School of International Affairs as well as running a small catering busi-

You may cringe at the idea of being too close to home and mom with her coupons, but you really get some great deals every month.

ness means when I cook for myself and roommates, I want to be eating in less than 30 minutes. I do not have three hours a day to simmer sauces and stocks. The following recipes are cheap, fun and quick, and anyone with a knife, a couple of pans and a working stove can whip them up.

To show you non-believers out there that it can be done, I decided to enlist the help of a friend who had been eager to get a cooking lesson from me since we met last year. Sophomore Meghan Crimmins has a room with an infamously small kitchen in Kennedy Onassis Hall.

We decided on a simple pasta dish that had a few tasty and alter-

native ingredients to the omnipresent Ragu sauce. Sundried tomatoes are a great way to liven up any dish, and while they are expensive, a few will go a long way. Or try adding artichoke hearts, black olives or feta cheese to the basic sauce to add a kick to the dish.

For those of you who have yet to venture there, it is simple to find

everything you need in the local Safeway. Everyone there is eager to help, so if you don't see something you need, ask someone.

It is also a good idea to join the Safeway Savings Club. You may cringe at the idea of

being too close to home and mom with her coupons, but you really get some great deals every month.

So I bought the ingredients (all of which can be found at Safeway for less than \$15) and made my way over to JBKO Hall, ready for the worst in terms of what the kitchen held in store.

I was blown away by Crimmins' kitchen. True, it's small, but a gas stove is any cook's dream, because the heat is instant and easy to control at any stage. In addition, the garbage disposal makes preparation less messy. The lack of counter space could be easily remedied by an over-the-sink cutting board you can buy at any house supply store.

Crimmins and I cranked up the

stereo and dug in. She had successfully attempted pastas and salads, but her roommate was already beginning to complain about the repetitious repertoire. We put a pot of water on to boil and began crushing the garlic and mixing it with the oregano.

So far so good. As we worked, we caught up on all the latest gossip. As we began cooking the chicken and pasta, I directed Crimmins, who was soon stirring and sautéing like a pro. Before we knew it, the pasta was cooked, the sauce was bubbling and we were ready to eat in 20 minutes.

Crimmins was thrilled and relieved. "Now, I know what to cook when my parents come visit," she said. She was also sure her roommate would be excited about the leftovers.

We cleaned out the frying pan and decided to make bananas with chocolate chips for dessert. It took us five minutes to make and it was spectacular. I had never added chocolate chips before, and to watch them turn into a rich, thick chocolate sauce reiterated all the reasons why I love to cook so much. There is instant gratification every time and there is always something new to try and experiment with.

My first residence hall cooking experiment had produced terrific results. We had a great time, not to mention a great meal. Crimmins said it was easy, simple and delicious and she is looking forward to trying new recipes.



photo by Claire Duggan

Sophomore Meghan Crimmins gets a cooking lesson in her JBKO kitchen from senior Laura Carey.

Recipes

Chicken Cacciatore
with Sundried Tomatoes

Ingredients: 2 skinless chicken breasts
2 cloves garlic
2 tablespoons oregano
4 tablespoons olive oil
1 large can crushed tomatoes
1 cup sliced mushrooms (about 10)
4 tablespoons sundried tomatoes
1 pound any pasta (we used spaghetti)

Boil water for pasta. Crush garlic and mix in oregano, then spread paste on chicken breasts. Heat 2 tablespoons of oil and cook chicken on each side 4-5 minutes. Cool chicken breasts while adding remaining oil to chicken pan, and add mushrooms and sundried tomatoes. Cook 2 minutes and add can of tomatoes. Simmer. As the water boils, add pasta. Chop up cooled chicken into chunks and add to simmering sauce. Once pasta is ready (according to directions on package) drain and put back in pot. Toss with sauce and serve.

Bananas Fosters

Ingredients: 2 ripe bananas
1/2 stick butter or margarine
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup chocolate chips

Slice bananas (as if for cereal). Heat butter and sugar in pan and stir until sugar melts and the mixture is golden and bubbling. Add bananas and cook for 2 minutes. Add chocolate chips and stir. They will melt into a sauce. Serve over ice cream or alone.

Promotion company courts
business with 'quirky' promosBY STEPHANIE LASH
HATCHET REPORTER

You may have noticed Domino's offer of pizza to anyone who can prove his - or her - birth name is Newt. Or IKEA Furniture enticing customers to trade in their little black book for a wedding quilt. Where do ideas like these come from?

Trading in sunblock for a free pizza topping may sound like an odd barter for the 1990s, but Jericho Promotions is one of the companies that assures its clients that campaigns such as these are sure to deliver.

Representing such national chains as Domino's Pizza, Subway and IKEA, Jericho has turned public relations into a battle for media attention and a contest in unconventionality.

Jericho Promotions, a Manhattan-based promotional firm with more than 50 national accounts, is a brassy, high-profile company dedicated to creating

exposure for its clients with "fun, off-the-wall" advertising, says company President Eric Yaverbaum.

He said Jericho's reputation as a break-the-rules agency stems from "quirky" promotions such as last summer's Domino's stint encouraging health-conscious consumers to redeem their sunscreen bottles for free vegetable toppings.

Yaverbaum insists that while this campaign not only sold more pizza for the company, it also "sent a message to the public that Domino's wants to make a difference."

For IKEA, Jericho designed a campaign targeted at newlyweds. Couples married in June needed only their wedding invitation, a box of rice (donated to a local food bank) and a copy of their little black book to receive a free quilt as a wedding gift from the furniture store.

Jericho's press release on the promotion assures that the symbol of single life will go to good use. "IKEA employees will no longer

have dateless Friday nights," it promises.

In a separate promotion, IKEA's home design consultants also developed "living room psychological analysis." By evaluating the way customers decorate their living areas, IKEA's designers can take a closer look at their psychological profiles.

While not all of Jericho's promotions are geared toward the younger crowd, many companies look at the 20-something market as a great way to reach those just developing their lifestyle patterns. Some say they see Jericho's attention-grabbing tactics as a perfect way to meet their goals.

As a result of just one of the Domino's campaigns, Jericho generated a large enough rise in sales to pay for services for two years - which means we can look forward to more wacky promotions from our favorite meal plan company in the near future.



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Study abroad fair will help students with itch to travel

BY NIKI MEZLO
HATCHET REPORTER

If you are tired of waking up every morning and seeing the Washington Monument, GW's Study Abroad Office can help.

In no time at all they will have you on your way to study or intern in France, Spain or even Madagascar. The office will also help with matters such as financial aid, information on culture shock, what to pack and how to get back into the swing of things once you return, said Kim Hempstead, an employee at the Study Abroad Office.

Hempstead said most GW students choose to go abroad during their junior year, and added that some stay simply for the summer, others stay for a semester and some spend a year overseas. Right now, she said GW has 250 students in foreign countries that include Chile, Colombia, England and France. The University also has programs in Madrid, Spain and St. Petersburg, Russia, both of which are administered by GW professors, Hempstead added.

Senior Ryan Dooley, an international affairs major, said he has

been to Ecuador and to France. "I wanted to study abroad to become fluent in another language. This will get me ahead of others in the job market."

He said he advises students going abroad to immerse themselves completely in the culture. "Don't look for American friends or food. If you really want to learn the language, live with a family," he explained.

While studying abroad is educational, it can also be expensive, although Hempstead said foreign study is not out of reach for most students. Both GW and organizations such as the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) are more than willing to help students find financial aid, she explained. The study abroad office will find the package that best meets the academic and financial needs of interested participants, including options to defray costs by transferring aid, Hempstead said.

Hempstead said she knows many students want to go abroad but are afraid they will fall behind on credits. Extra semesters do cost money, but she said GW is flexible when it comes to transferring

credits. If the student earns his or her credits from an accredited university overseas, those credits will count toward a degree at GW, she added.

While abroad, students can keep in touch with the office through electronic mail and get answers to all of their questions, she added.

Hempstead said the office also aids in matters such as registering for classes and getting financial aid for the return to GW while the students are still abroad. Upon return to the states, the office helps students deal with reverse culture shock.

Dooley said the office was a big help in preparing for his travels. He said he took advantage of the orientation meetings, and he had access to someone at the office at all times through electronic mail.

Hempstead said there will be a Study Abroad fair in the Gelman Courtyard Thursday for students who are thinking about going abroad. Representatives from financial aid programs and other study abroad organizations will be on hand to answer questions, she said.

Fraternity eviction may spark lawsuit

Clothing, furniture were thrown out

BY MICHELLE VON EUW
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When Scott Feinman walked into the living room of the house where he had signed a year-long lease, the first thing he saw was 16 eviction notices taped to the wall.

"We had been evicted and we didn't even know about it," Feinman said.

Feinman, the president of Alpha Epsilon Pi, said 17 members of his fraternity had signed one-year leases to live at 2138 F Street beginning August 1, 1995.

The property had been foreclosed earlier in the spring, but the tenants were told by lawyers for the new owners, General Financial Services, that there would be no problem maintaining their leases, Feinman said. The company changed its mind, however, and taped eviction notices to the former fraternity house wall in June, Feinman added.

He said fraternity members were given 10 days to clear out of the entire building. He said he persuaded GFS's lawyer, Drew Jiranek, to allow them to stay until the end of July.

Feinman explained that because it was summer, not all the tenants could be reached. In a phone interview from Wichita, Kan., Cary Paeden, who is managing the property for GFS, said he had a local management company "clean up the place and take the trash away."

That "trash," Feinman contends, included leather jackets, winter clothes and bedroom sets left by the fraternity members who had leases for the following year.

In addition to terminating their

leases, GFS has yet to refund \$600 security deposits made by each tenant.

"We all signed individual leases," former tenant Jeff Weiner said. "We're not getting our security deposits back because one or two people didn't pay their rent."

Both Paeden and Feinman said they signed an agreement in mid-July to refund both the security deposits plus an additional \$1,500 that AEPi paid in repairs to the property. Both also said the money has not been returned.

Feinman and Weiner said they are considering filing a lawsuit later this month if they do not receive their security deposits.

Paeden said the property is for sale, and his company would not confirm if it has received any bids from the University.

"I've gotten a couple of calls," he said, adding that he would sell the property to the highest bidder. He claimed an appraiser evaluated the property, including 2140 F Street, to be valued at \$2.2 million.

An employee who wished to remain unidentified in Vice President and Treasurer Louis Katz's office said, "Our policy is not to discuss property negotiations before they happen, if indeed they happen."

Members of AEPi said they doubt they can raise enough money to purchase the property. Weiner added he hopes the new owners of the house will consider renting it to the Greek-letter organization.

"We were good tenants," he said. Weiner said AEPi members were active in Foggy Bottom and attended neighborhood meetings. "They liked us," he said of his former neighbors.

Creator of Third Wave visits campus

Students had the opportunity to hear world-renowned political futurist Alvin Toffler, author of *The Third Wave*, speak Tuesday in the Marvin Center.

The event, sponsored by the Graduate School of Political Management, also featured GW professor and author James Pinkerton and a discussion session.

Toffler, with his wife Heidi, developed the political idea that the United States is currently in the "third wave" of civilization. He states in his book that the United States started in the agricultural stage, moved to the industrial stage and is now in the information age.

These transitions can cause severe problems in many aspects of life if society does not adequately address their ramifications, he said Tuesday. He claimed that "even the people in the system know it's not working."

"People need to think imaginatively about alternative political structures," Toffler said. He added that current social trends push the country toward a more individual culture. He added that we need a government that parallels these changes.

-Shannon Joyce

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University seeking honorary degree candidates

BY JUSTIN BERGMAN
News Editor

The University marshal's office is now accepting nominations for honorary degree recipients for the spring 1996 commencement ceremonies.

Jill Kasle, University marshal, said she is asking for any interested students, faculty members or administration officials to submit their nominations to her office in Monroe Hall, room 302, within the next few weeks.

The submissions should include the name of the individual being nominated, along with some background information explaining why the individual should receive an honorary degree, Kasle said. She added that the name, address and phone number of the nominator should also be included.

Her office will then review the nominations and select the candidates for the ceremony.

To mark the 175th anniversary of the University, Kasle said the spring commencement ceremony will be unified for the first time. All GW's schools — undergraduate, graduate, law and medical — will take part in the same ceremony, she explained.

"It is important for everyone to feel that they have a role in this commencement," Kasle said, urging students to get involved in the nomination process.

Because the commencement will be unified, Kasle said she is looking for a broad representation of candidates from many different fields. Although she said the University is always interested in high-level political honorees, she added she would like to see recipients from other fields of study which are usually not represented as well at commencement ceremonies.

The honorees at last year's commencement ceremony were Elizabeth Dole, president of the Red Cross; Abba Eban, former Israeli ambassador; Hugh Price, chairman of the National Urban League; Tom Foley, former Speaker of the House of Representatives; and Helen Thomas, chief White House correspondent for United Press International.

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Director hopes to 'demystify' aid

Toll-free phone line installed for students to get financial advice

BY PETER KIM
HATCHET REPORTER

Newly-appointed Director of Financial Assistance Dan Small said he has pledged to "demystify" the financial aid process to make it easier for students.

Small said his goal is to make the Office of Student Financial Assistance as "customer service" friendly as possible by instructing counselors to be helpful and patient with both parents and students.

"As director, my top priority will be to make the financial aid office as helpful and useful to all GW parents and students," he added.

One of the first things Small said he did in his new position was to install a toll-free phone number

that students can call to inquire about the status of their financial aid, or ask any other questions they might have.

Small said he realizes the issue of financial aid is sensitive to some students, and it can be a daunting and even frustrating process.

He added that he urges financial aid counselors to make the process as "streamlined as possible" when providing assistance to students.

To exemplify his point about the confusion surrounding financial aid, Small cited a recent *IT* magazine article about how a student lost his financial aid because of administrative expenses. He said GW was actually not responsible for all financial aid money in cases like this because there are other

lending institutions, such as banks, which play a more direct role in distributing the aid.

In regard to fluctuating financial aid, Small said aid such as Stafford Loans and Pell Grants are entitlements because they are based on a parent's income for a given year. If a student loses any financial aid of this type, it is because a parent's income can change from one year to the next, and the responsibility does not rest on the University, he explained.

Small said he realized some students do not receive the financial aid packages they are expecting, but he added that GW's funding is contingent upon what the federal government distributes.

SA to promote better understanding of financial aid through initiative

BY ADAM WILLIS
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Historically, no love has been lost between the Office of Student Financial Assistance and students.

Student Association President Mark Reynolds, however, said he hopes to improve the relationship between students and the third floor of Rice Hall by getting the SA involved.

Reynolds said SA members will join the Financial Aid Counseling Team in an effort to facilitate student dealings with the financial aid office through the SA.

"What we're basically trying to do is have members of the Student Association who are also members of FACT, so that when students approach us with financial aid problems, we can have people in our organization who are knowledgeable about financial aid and have the ability and the means to help the person handle the problem," Reynolds explained.

He said a second benefit to FACT and the SA sharing members is the ability of SA members to give suggestions and input directly to the financial aid office.

He added that he envisioned the SA helping financial aid to "fix things up."

"A big thing that I think needs to be addressed is the notification system," Reynolds said. "If a student doesn't have a form in the financial aid office that they need to have in order to get their financial aid, the financial aid office needs to be a little bit better at letting them know that it's not in."

So far, two members of the SA have joined FACT's ranks, with three more to follow soon, Reynolds said. He said the SA is not trying to take over FACT or make it part of the SA in any way. Instead, he only wants the SA to have some representation in FACT, so it may have a voice in the financial aid office, Reynolds explained.

The SA's effort to improve financial aid will be led by Charles Pruitt, a second-year law student and GW graduate, who has experience working in the financial aid office.

"He has fantastic intentions and great ideas," Reynolds said.

Students help build better community through service

BY MONIQUE L. HARDING
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Habitat for Humanity has become so popular that even MTV's cast of "Road Rules" had to stop and help build a house for someone less fortunate than themselves.

Habitat for Humanity volunteers help build houses for families who work, but have low incomes. The people who will live in the house must also help build their house by giving 500-sweat equity hours.

GW's chapter of Habitat for Humanity has a core leadership of six sophomores: Pia Koslow, Gayle Crispin, Hilliary Creely, Courtney Cooley, Rachel Duguay and Julie Kaufman.

Koslow said the chapter plans to sponsor a home next semester. She added that volunteers can sign up at The Neighbor's Project in Marvin Center room 418 to participate in the project. Koslow also said the group goes to different sites to work every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Koslow said GW's group works with the D.C. Habitat for Humanity, as well as other affiliates in Baltimore and Virginia. Last Saturday, she said, they went to northern Virginia to touch up an elderly woman's home.

Cooley said she was involved with a similar project before she

came to the University and has been a member of the GW chapter ever since arriving on campus.

Crispin said she "likes being able to get away from the campus to help people."

"I'm doing something productive and it's worthwhile, because I see the results immediately," Duguay added. "One day we painted the whole interior of a house. Another day, we laid foundation."

Creely and Kaufman said they became interested in Habitat after participating in a program for incoming freshmen called "Community Building Community," organized by the Office of Community Service. Both said they worked with many groups, including Marshall Heights and Manna Housing.

"The actual labor and physical hard work is fun to do," Kaufman said. "Sometimes you are scaffolding, painting and working alongside the people who will live in the house."

Creely said GW's campus is so small and sheltered, students do not get a chance to see how different people live in the area.

"Everyone needs a place to live, a home to go back to, to regroup, to collect your thoughts, to have something that belongs to you," Koslow said. "We are helping people who are working to help themselves."



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50,000 will participate in AIDSWalk this Saturday

GW hopes to break team fundraising record

BY AMY MAIO
HATCHET REPORTER

The number of people expected to participate in this Saturday's AIDSWalk reflects a sobering statistic: for each one of the 50,000 walkers, there is one resident in the District infected with the AIDS disease.

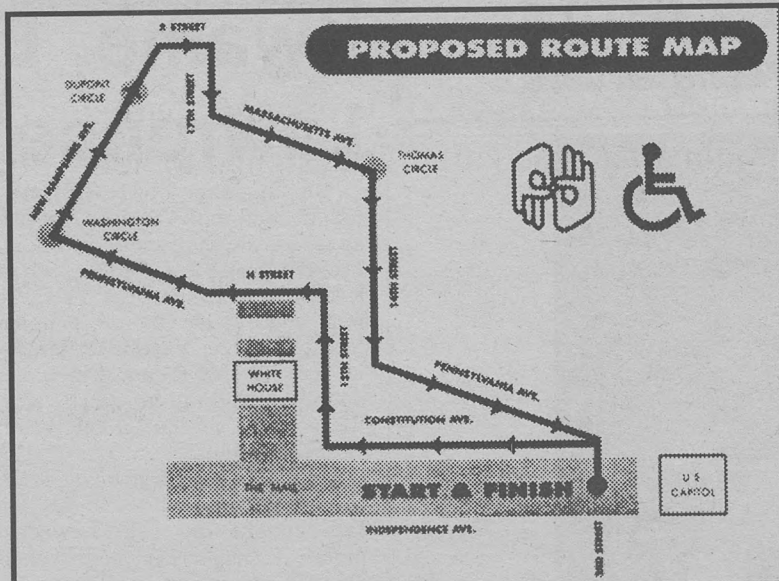
According to Gregory A. Meekins, administrative assistant of this year's walk, the District has the highest per capita number of AIDS cases in the country. He said Maryland ranks eighth-highest among the states, and one in 40 area youth are also infected.

The walk, which is sponsored by the Whitman-Walker Clinic, is expected to raise more than \$2 million, Meekins said. Last year, 90 percent of the money was raised by individual and team pledges, with the other 10 percent coming from corporate sponsors, he added.

Tipper Gore, wife of Vice President Al Gore, has said she will attend this year's event, as she has in the past. Other special guests slated for the ceremonies include singers Cyndi Lauper and Diane Reeves, Meekins added.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 9:30 a.m., but Meekins said walkers can begin turning in their pledge sheets as early as 8 a.m. He said the walk begins promptly at 11 a.m., rain or shine, on the corner of Third Street and Independence Avenue in front of the Capitol.

The route of the AIDSWalk will take participants down Constitution Avenue, up 15th Street, across H Street until it intersects



with Pennsylvania Avenue near Washington Circle, up as far as R Street in Dupont Circle and then will return to Third Street via 17th Street and Massachusetts Avenue.

A number of campus organizations, including the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance and the College Democrats, plan to walk as a part of a unified GW team this year.

Sophomore Heather Pagella, a member of the Residence Hall Association, said she is working with the Student Association to bring a team of GW students to this year's walk.

"There's never been one solid (GW) team before, so I'm hoping to get one together and raise some money so we'll have a goal to beat next year," Pagella said.

According to Pagella, the largest amount of money raised by

a university team was \$1,100 last year by American University. She said she is hoping at least 300 GW students will join the team this Saturday with \$10 each in pledges so GW can top that record.

LGBA member Erika Grumet said the her organization had initially considered walking with LGBA members from other area universities, but decided instead to walk as part of the University and carry the LGBA banner this year.

Patrick Lincoln, CD board member, said his group will also be sending representatives to the walk under the unified GW banner.

Anyone interested in walking with the GW team who has not already received a pledge sheet can gather pledges on their own, under team number 10581, and meet on the University Yard Saturday at 8 a.m., Pagella said.

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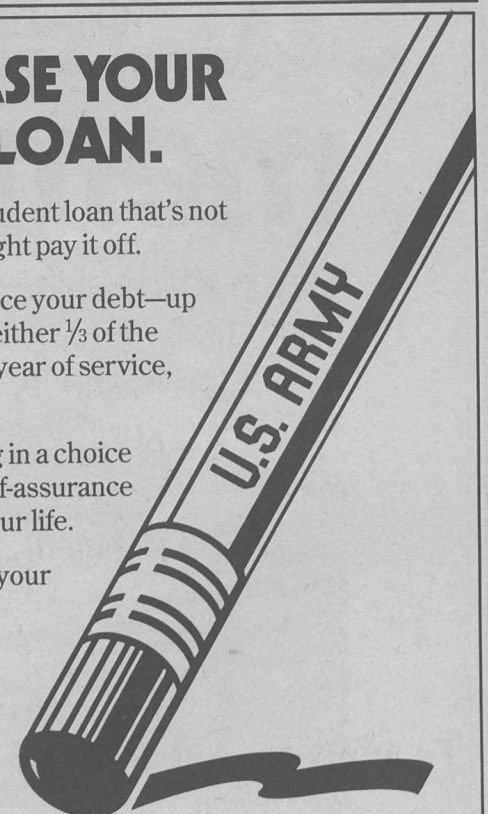
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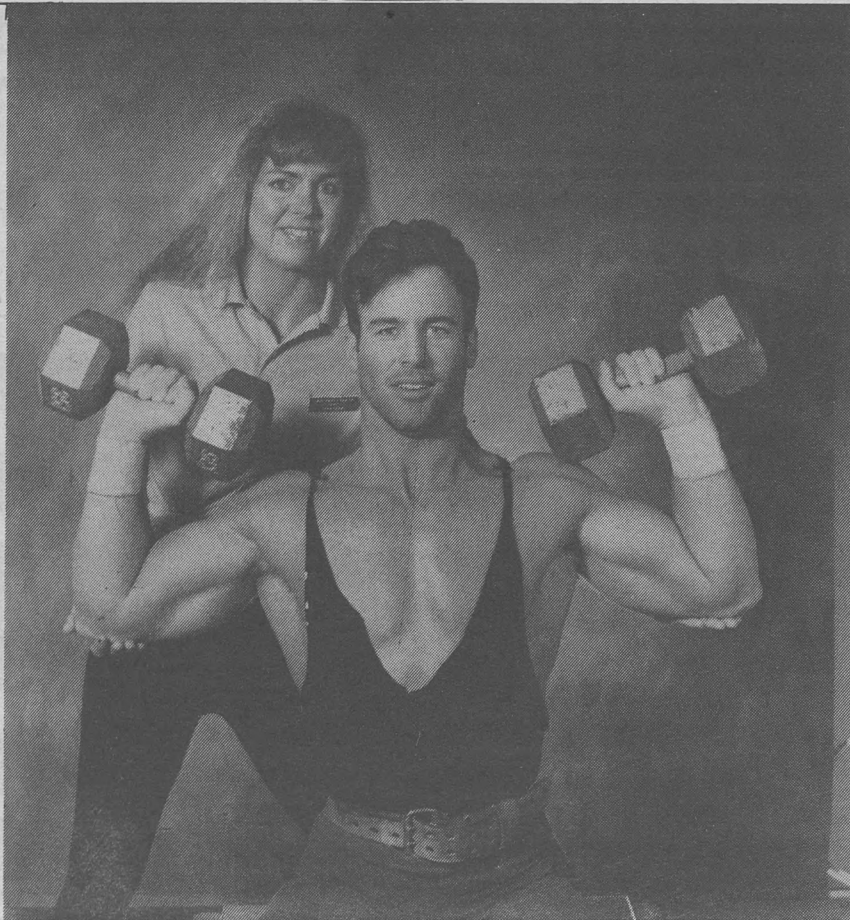


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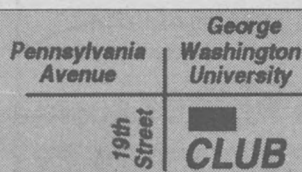
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On days when I have the time, I like to head to the Smith Center to shoot a basketball around – having fun and trying to improve my hapless game in the process. From 2-4 p.m., there's also the nice bonus of having the men's team scrimmage in half of the arena, which can often be exciting to watch, since there are no coaches or referees to slow the action.

Last Monday, I was headed over to the building when a familiar face caught my eye. Lawrence Moten – former D.C. high school star, Syracuse grad, all-time Big East leading scorer and recent draft pick of the NBA's Vancouver Grizzlies – was ambling into the Smith Center, too. I had to figure out what was going on.

As I discreetly followed Moten into the arena, I noticed another face familiar to hard-core basketball fans like myself – Anthony Tucker of the Washington Bullets. This was getting exciting. Smith Center staff members were as befuddled as I was, although one had heard Sherman Douglas of the Boston Celtics (also a former D.C. star) was coming as well. Clearly, this was not your average day at the Smith Center.

I signed out a ball and started shooting around with some other wide-eyed students. But when we tried to play "21," we realized everyone was more interested in watching these guys shoot around than playing a weak game.

By now, most of the GW players were around too, and four teams were quickly made up. Two teams of GW players and two teams made up of 10 non-GW players, including Douglas, Moten, Tucker and Michael Lloyd, Syracuse's starting point guard last year.

GW's Darin Green, during a break in the action, told me that this was a one-time workout which the players had been informed of earlier. Either way, everyone seemed to be enjoying this most informal workout. Particularly me.

It was great to see these guys, particularly Moten and Douglas, who I've watched on TV forever, play just inches away from me in such a relaxed setting. I mean, it was typical pick-up ball – no defense and little intensity, but lots of cool passes and dunks. Just how I like it.

And for the fans out there concerned solely with the performance of the Colonials, rest assured they look pretty good. Kwame Evans was bombing away with much success, and newcomer Egor Mechtcheriakov, a name you're all going to know soon, was putting on a nice display of fancy passes. He showed the type of versatility not usually seen in a 6-8 power forward.

Whatever your liking, GW, local NBA stars, or both, Monday was an exciting afternoon.

–Ben Osborne

Volleyball readies for Nebraska trip**Korver returns to home turf to face No. 1**

BY ADAM WILLIS
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The GW women's volleyball team is heading into what head coach Susie Homan has described as "the biggest challenge of the season," playing both the universities of Kansas and top-ranked Nebraska in Lincoln, Neb., this weekend.

The season's "toughest challenge," brought forth a bevy of thoughts and predictions from Homan and the players. Homan praised the Lady Cornhuskers, saying "teams aren't scoring double-digits against Nebraska. They're on a mission, they're number one in the country, and they're crushing people."

Although it may have sounded like a pre-game concession speech, Homan was quick to add, "That's the best time to knock a team off. We have an opportunity to play them, therefore we have an opportunity to beat them."

Megan Korver was forthcoming with her predictions for the weekend. "I predict we definitely win over Kansas," she said. "Nebraska,

I'm not sure about right now. If we play at our optimum level it will be a really good game. I predict it will go at least four or five sets, and hopefully we're going to end up on top."

This weekend's tournament is particularly important for Korver, a native of Lincoln. Other than the obvious pressure of playing in front of family and friends, she also has to deal with competing head-to-head against old friends.

"I've played with two of the players on the team, and I played against several of them and became pretty good friends with them. I also went to camp at the University of Nebraska and some of the players on the team were some of my coaches."

Korver added that she is also "really good friends" with a daughter of Nebraska's head coach.

Outside of competition, Korver said she plans to spend plenty of time with friends and family. She said she is taking the entire team to dinner at her family's house during the weekend.

"I'm just really excited about the whole situation," she said.

SPORTS

Colonials lose thriller at Virginia Tech Hokies score off penalty kick in overtime to win hard-fought A-10 battle

BY MATT GREEN
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

Overtime giveth and overtime taketh away.

For the second time in as many games, the GW men's soccer team went to overtime, but unlike Sunday's win at Temple, the result Wednesday was a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Virginia Tech.

The hometown Hokies got the go-ahead goal at the outset of the second extra session, when Matt Whalen took a direct kick and got the ball around GW's defensive wall. He found freshman Mike

Griggs, who received the pass and slid a shot into the net.

The Colonials, however, were not about to lie down and give up the fight, battling right down to the last minute.

It was with only five seconds left that perhaps the most exciting moment of the game occurred, as GW's Matt Nesbitt had a desperation shot bounce off the crossbar. The goal would have sent the game into sudden-death overtime.

Actually, Virginia Tech was lucky to even force the overtime period. The Colonials held a 1-0 lead late into the second half, when

another direct kick hurt GW.

The Hokies' Adam Johnson took a direct kick off the foot of Keith Stansfield and found Whalen, who converted for the tie with a scant three minutes remaining.

After a scoreless first half, GW drew first blood early in the second half. The Colonials' Craig Jones converted a headed pass from Nesbitt. Nesbitt was set up by midfielder Matt Ferry off a crossing pass, and they were each credited with assists.

The game was hotly contested throughout. The statistics reveal just how closely the two well-

matched teams played each other. For the game, GW had 18 attempts on goal while Virginia Tech managed 17.

Colonial goalkeeper Ward McIntyre and Hokie goalie Jon Delong showed great endurance, each playing the entire 120 minutes. Both goalies made five saves.

With the win, Virginia Tech improved to 4-3-1, including a 4-1-1 mark in the Atlantic 10.

GW, meanwhile, slipped to 5-2 overall and 1-1 in the A-10, with another conference match coming Saturday against St. Joseph's.

GW heads for the big-time with arena renovations

BY ROB HENDIN
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

The Smith Center is being renovated for some big-time national exposure for the GW basketball programs.

The most noticeable of these renovations will be the addition of 1,300-1,400 gold-colored, chair-backed seats located in the upper concourse ends of the facility where wooden bleachers used to be.

"We want to entice people to buy more season tickets and those seats will really make the place look neat when filled," said Athletic Director Jack Kvancz.

The prices for those seats for men's games will be \$100 for the season, \$80 for staff and faculty, or \$12 on a per game basis. "For a chair back in an arena, that is a really good price for those seats," Kvancz said.

Kvancz said he had no plans to change the seating for the student section of the Smith Center, which

will remain bleachers. "Last year the students followed us really well," he said.

Kvancz added that the new seats will keep the total capacity of the Smith Center around 5,000.

The other renovation is the addition of two ceiling-hung backboards to be used as the game baskets for the men's and women's home games. The addition brings the total number baskets to six, including the four floor-mounted versions.

Kvancz said this makes the Smith Center more dynamic for practices. The baskets also make the view from the end zones better.

"There will be a much better view of the court with the hanging structure," he said.

Increased exposure will come from the new ESPN-Atlantic 10 television deal and a few other televised men's basketball home games on the A-10 network.

"The building will be impressive when it is filled," Kvancz said. "The ambiance of the building should be great."

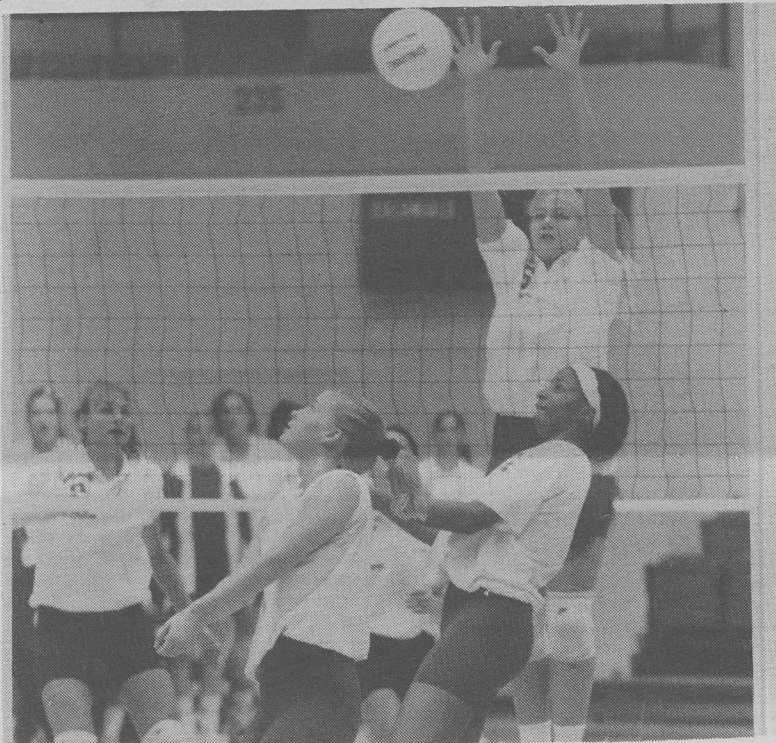


photo by Dave Flintzen

GW's Megan Korver skies for a block earlier this season. She's hopping for a big weekend as she returns home to Lincoln, Neb.

Colonial Women fall to Virginia Tech in 5 games

BY ADAM WILLIS
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

A stirring comeback put the GW women's volleyball team just within reach of victory Tuesday night. Then new Atlantic 10 foe Virginia Tech snatched it right back.

For the third time this season, the Colonial Women played a match into the fifth game. For the second time, they got the wrong end of the stick in the deciding set. A .364 hitting percentage in the final game propelled Virginia Tech to the 15-12, 15-7, 13-15, 9-15, 15-7 triumph.

"I think the last 10 days that we've played, we haven't been a very good team the first two games of the match ... and once again that was true against Virginia Tech," head coach Susie Homan said. "We dug a pretty big hole, and in game five they simply outplayed us."

Senior Svetlana Vtyurina continued her quest for the career-kills record Tuesday, knocking in 46 kills and bringing her within 402 of the record. Her performance in the match would seem to be a giant plus for the Colonial Women,

but her unusually large tally acted as an indicator for what went wrong on the GW side of the net.

GW set Vtyurina 104 times in the two hours and 28 minutes of play. That's close to one swing at the ball every minute and a half of match time. When asked how her hitting arm was, Vtyurina said, "It's surprisingly still there."

Megan Korver was second on the total attempts list, receiving the set 27 times.

"That just should not happen," Homan said. "Don't get me wrong, Sveta wants the ball. She's going to get more sets than anyone on the team ... But she can't get 104 sets and the next person get 27. People can start blocking you without opening their eyes."

Virginia Tech gained the early edge in the fifth game and never looked back, making certain GW would leave disappointed. Here again, however, appearances defy reality.

"We very easily could have lost this match in three games. We came back and played well in the third and fourth game," Homan said.



photo by Adam Segal

Two workers at the Smith Center transform the uncomfortable benches behind the baskets into chair-backs.

View from the cheap seats

Carolina isn't seceding, but Dallas is!

I think Dallas will secede from the National Football League.

Or at least that's what seems to be going on. The great Jerry Jones, owner - no, make that Supreme Resurrector of the Dallas Cowboys - has decided it's not enough for the Cowboys to be one of the two best teams in the league. He also doesn't want them to be forced to share their profits with every other team in a system that has worked well throughout the league's history.

Can you believe the nerve of those other twenty-nine owners?

Jones raised all this hubbub a few weeks ago when he signed a multi-scrillion dollar agreement making Pepsi the official beverage of Texas Stadium. (This move makes him the Stephen Joel Trachtenberg of Dallas.) In return, Pepsi agreed to run a limited edition of cans with the Cowboys' special 175th Anniversary emblem on them - wait, that's Trachtenberg.

Anyway, this aggravated Coca-Cola, because Coke is apparently the official soft drink of the NFL, even though they drink Gatorade on the sideline. (How many liquids have been officially licensed by the NFL, anyway? "Cupa Cupa Swiss Mocha Cinnamon Blend, the official cappuccino of the NFL?")

So now I think Jones wants to merge Dallas Cowboys, Inc., with Nike and Pepsi to ensure Deion Sanders is kept out of the 49ers hands for all eternity. So to retaliate, San Francisco is going to have to merge with some corporation. Heck, their stadium was just renamed from Candlestick Park to MegaCorp Insurance and Fat Louie's Auto Body Repair Stadium, or something like that.

This could lead to some big changes in the NFL. Each team would have to scrounge for their own corporate sponsorship. The Kraft Green Bay Packers. The Microsoft Seahawks. The Turner Network Television Falcons. Every one of them could be the Corporate Raiders.

Or they could stay with the system that has seen the league through all its toughest times, in which a team's profits from merchandising are ensured whether their record is successful or not. Is it capitalism? Not really, but I think the preservation of the small market teams is worth it.

But this doesn't work for Jerry Jones, who forgets his team just a few years ago struggled to get one victory in a whole season. They didn't sell many officially licensed jackets or hats that year, nor did the league sell much Coca-Cola to all the empty seats in Texas Stadium that year.

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-Jim Geraghty

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